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HE HAS ALL THE POWERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR, PLUS STILL MORE! HOW CAN THEY EVER DEFEAT...
THE ALL-POWERFUL SUPER-SKRULL!
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MY SECRET NEW DYNAFLEX METHOD

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ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—scrawny arms—bony shoulders—a flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do girls laugh and fellows grin when you take off your shirt?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely he-man MEAT to your build. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE. I can take that caved-in chest and build on six rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-SIZED BRAWN. I can clothe your skinny frame with GIANT RIPPLING DYNAFLEX MUSCLES that will have the girls gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise, NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

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HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

DYNAFLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes no tiresome exercises, "crash" diets, protein foods, and no weights or bar-bells. DYNAFLEX is the amazing discovery of a West German Doctor whose research into the Science of Strength found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAFLEX you "flex" each muscle once—in a certain way—that is more effective than if you exercised that muscle 20, 30, even 100 times the old-fashioned way. With DYNAFLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than after hours of grunting and groaning, hefting heavy weights.

DYNAFLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, steely fullness and satiny symmetry. DYNAFLEX packs that muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I can cover your bony frame with healthy rippling muscle—give you a deep, powerful chest—solid shoulders and iron wrists—tough, slim midsection—and trim, steel-spring legs—simply thru "DYNA-FLEXING" each muscle once a day!

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STRONG-MAN APPEAL ATTRACTS GIRLS

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Girls go for a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE SEX-APPEAL . . . and they only laugh at skinny guys or "fatso's".

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and thrilling stamina that will have girls falling at your feet.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

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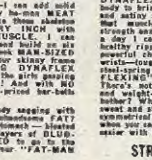

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I JUST LOVE THE EVENING TV NEWS BROADCAST...
HE'S TALKING ABOUT OUR LAST ADVENTURE!
THAT'S FOR GUYS WHO ARE TOO CHEAP TO BUY OUR MAG!
--AND, THANKS TO THE FANTASTIC FOUR, THE MENACE OF DOCTOR DOOM SEEMS TO BE OVER--AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT! BUT, IF EVER YOU SEE THIS MAN, YOU ARE URGED TO NOTIFY THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY!
IS HE KIDDIN'? DO THEY EXPECT DOC DOOM TO GO WALKIN' AROUND TOWN IN THAT GET-UP??
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AND NOW, OUR NEWS PICTURES! HERE IS A CANDID SHOT OF THE THING, TAKEN WHILE...
HEY! DOWN IN FRONT! I DON'T. WANNA MISS THIS INSPIRIN' SIGHT!
SORRY, WE'RE A LITTLE LATE, FOLKS! AND NOW FOR A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPONSOR! HAS YOUR DOG HAD HIS TOOTSIES TODAY??
I WAS ROBBED!!!
TOOTSIES
1

THEY CAN'T DO THAT TO ME!! WHAT'LL I TELL MY PUBLIC?? I BEEN UP-STAGED BY A PACK OF HOWLIN' MUTTS!!
FACE IT, PAL-- THOSE POOCHES ARE MORE PHOTOGENIC THAN YOU!!
BEN, STOP! YOU'LL SMASH ALL THE FURNITURE!!
SQUAWK
SQUAWK
WHOM!
REE-LAX, DOLL! I'LL CATCH THE BLAMED THING FOR YA!
I WOULDN'T WANT JOHNNY TO MISS HIS "MICKEY MOUSE CLUB" TONIGHT!
BENJAMIN GRIMM! YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF!
YOU BIG CLOWN, IF WE DIDN'T LOVE YOU SO MUCH...
AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SENT AWAY FOR A MOUSEKETEER PIN WHEN NO ONE WAS LOOKIN'!
OKAY OKAY! YOU TRYIN' TO GIVE ME AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX ???
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
SEE YOU LATER, BEN! SUE AND I HAVE A DATE!
YES, REED PROMISED TO TAKE ME SWIMMING!
WELL, WHY THE JUNIOR SPACEMAN GET-UP? THEY GOT SWIMMIN' POOLS ON THE MOON??
NO, SILLY! WE'RE GOING TO WAIKIKI BEACH IN HAWAII! WE SHOULD BE THERE IN ABOUT A HALF-HOUR!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE BEEN WANTING TO GIVE OUR EXPERIMENTAL PASSENGER I.C.B.M.* A WORK-OUT FOR WEEKS-- AND THIS SEEMS LIKE A GOOD TIME TO DO IT!
U.S.
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS
*INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTICS MISSILE
WE'LL BE BACK IN A COUPLE DAYS, BEN! KEEP YOUR EYE ON JOHNNY WHILE WE'RE GONE!
LOOK, GREAT WHITE FATHER-- IF YOU THINK I GOT NOTHIN' BETTER TO DO THAN WET-NURSE THAT BLAZING BRAT, YOU'RE NUTS!
AND SO, WITH THE THING'S TENDER FAREWELL RINGING IN THEIR EARS, REED AND SUE TAKE OFF FOR SUNNY HAWAII...
LOOK! THAT'S THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S GREAT NEW PASSENGER I.C.B.M.!! WHAT A SIGHT!
HMMPH, THEY RIDE AROUND IN SPACE SHIPS YET, AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T PAID OFF OUR SECOND-HAND CHEVVY!
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AND, BACK AT THEIR SKYSCRAPER HEADQUARTERS...
THEY CAN HAVE THAT OVERSIZED SKY-ROCKET! THIS LITTLE OL' FANTASTI-CAR IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!
WAIT'LL THE CATS SEE ME DRIVIN' MY DATE THRU CENTRAL PARK IN THIS!
SAME GOES FOR ME! I'M GONNA FLY ALICIA UP NORTH FOR SOME FISHIN'! BOY, IF WE DON'T GET SOME ACTION SOON, THEY'LL BE PRINTIN' OUR ADVENTURES IN ROMANCE MAGS!
BUT, THERE IS MORE "ACTION" WAITING FOR THE F.F. THAN THEY SUSPECT! FOR, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, COUNTLESS LIGHT YEARS AWAY, IN THE FIFTH QUADRANT OF THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY, ON THE HOME PLANET OF THE FEARSOME SKRULLS...
THE MOMENT IS AT HAND, YOUR MAJESTY!
YES! IT IS ALMOST TIME TO DESTROY THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
EVER SINCE THAT ACCURSED FOURSOME DEFEATED MY ATTEMPTED INVASION OF EARTH LAST YEAR* I HAVE LIVED FOR THIS MOMENT!
I STILL FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THEY MANAGED TO TRIUMPH OVER OUR AGENTS--OVER TRAINED SKRULLS WHO HAVE THE POWER OF CHANGING THEIR BODIES INTO ANY FORM THEY DESIRE!
*F.F. #2 "SKRULLS FROM OUTER SPACE!"
BAH! THAT IS PAST HISTORY! SINCE THAT DAY, I HAVE DEVOTED EVERY RESOURCE OF THIS PLANET TO PERFECTING MY NEW SCHEME FOR CONQUERING THE FANTASTIC FOUR--AND THE PLANET EARTH! AND NOW WE SHALL SEE THE RESULTS OF THAT EFFORT!
HE APPROACHES NOW, YOUR MAJESTY! THE ONE WHO CANNOT FAIL!
FOR THIS, I HAVE EMPTIED OUR TREASURY, DEVOTED ALL OUR SCIENTIFIC TALENTS, WORKED MY PEOPLE LIKE SLAVES--FOR THIS MOMENT!
ALLOW ME TO PRESENT THE MIGHTIEST WARRIOR IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE-- THE SUPER-SKRULL!!
ALL HOMAGE TO YOUR SUPREME MAJESTY, SIRE! I AWAIT YOUR COMMANDS!
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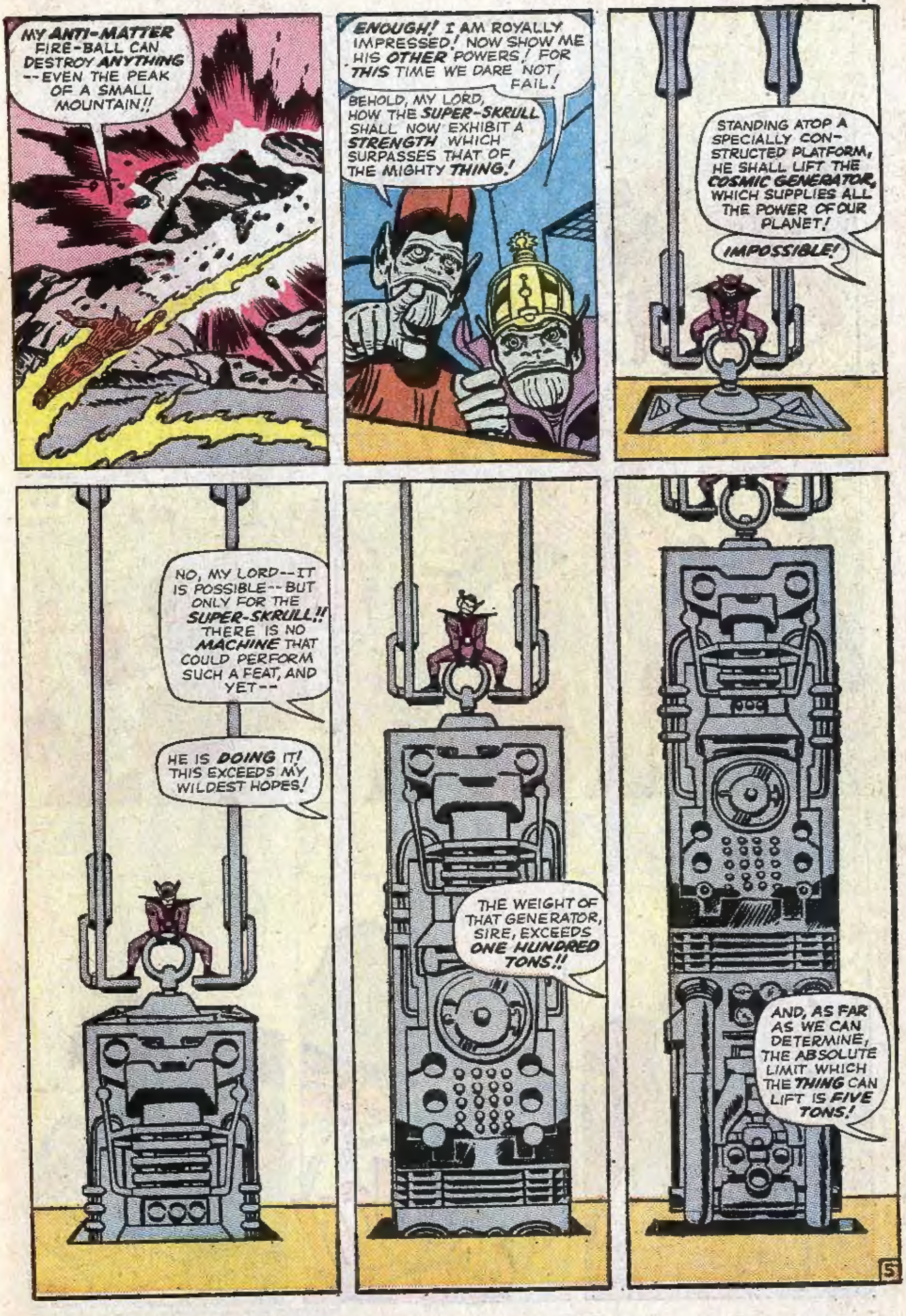
NOW I SHALL PROVE TO YOUR MAJESTY THAT OUR SUPER-SKRULL CANNOT FAIL... FOR OUR SCIENTIFIC ARTS HAVE GIVEN HIM ALL THE POWERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR --AND EVEN MORE!
SO BE IT! LET THE DEMONSTRATION BEGIN!
YOU ARE AWARE, SIRE, OF THE STRETCHING POWER OF MR. FANTASTIC'S BODY?
NOW OBSERVE HOW THE SUPER-SKRULL CAN STRETCH EVEN FURTHER!!
WITHIN SECONDS, HE SHALL RETRIEVE A SPECTO-FISH FROM THE DEEPEST PART OF THE SKRULL SEA!
BUT THE SKRULL SEA IS MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED MILES AWAY!
EXACTLY, SIRE!
EXACTLY THIRTY SECONDS LATER...
HERE IS YOUR SPECTO-FISH, MAJESTY!
YOU'VE DONE IT! YOU ARE TRULY FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN THE LEADER OF THE DOOMED QUARTET! BUT NOW I WOULD SEE MORE!
NEXT, SIRE, OBSERVE HOW THE SUPER-SKRULL CAN MORE THAN DUPLICATE THE POWERS OF THE HUMAN TORCH!
FLAME ON!
NOT ONLY CAN I DO ANYTHING THE HUMAN TORCH CAN DO, BUT--
I CAN FLY FASTER, AND MAINTAIN MY FLAME LONGER!
AND, I HAVE BEEN GIVEN ONE POWER WHICH EVEN THE TORCH DOES NOT POSSESS--



MY ANTI-MATTER FIRE-BALL CAN DESTROY ANYTHING --EVEN THE PEAK OF A SMALL MOUNTAIN!!
ENOUGH! I AM ROYALLY IMPRESSED! NOW SHOW ME HIS OTHER POWERS! FOR THIS TIME WE DARE NOT FAIL!
BEHOLD, MY LORD, HOW THE SUPER-SKRULL SHALL NOW EXHIBIT A STRENGTH WHICH SURPASSES THAT OF THE MIGHTY THING!
STANDING ATOP A SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED PLATFORM, HE SHALL LIFT THE COSMIC GENERATOR, WHICH SUPPLIES ALL THE POWER OF OUR PLANET!
IMPOSSIBLE!
NO, MY LORD--IT IS POSSIBLE--BUT ONLY FOR THE SUPER-SKRULL!! THERE IS NO MACHINE THAT COULD PERFORM SUCH A FEAT, AND YET--
HE IS DOING IT! THIS EXCEEDS MY WILDEST HOPES!
THE WEIGHT OF THAT GENERATOR, SIRE, EXCEEDS ONE HUNDRED TONS!!
AND, AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, THE ABSOLUTE LIMIT WHICH THE THING CAN LIFT IS FIVE TONS!
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MEANWHILE, DESPITE ALL THEIR PRECAUTIONS, SOME WELL-MEANING, SHARP-EYED ADMIRERS RECOGNIZE SUE, REED, AND JOHNNY, AND--
YEESH! WOTTA RACKET! THEY MUST BE GIVIN' AWAY FREE SAMPLES OF SOMETHIN'!
LET ME THRU! LET ME THRU!
I CAN'T SEE! I WANT TO GET CLOSER!
DON'T PUSH! DON'T SHOVE! ONE AT A TIME! KEEP BACK, FOLKS --PLEASE!
I WAS FIRST! OUT OF MY WAY! WHERE'S THE MANAGER?
BEN! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! GET US OUT OF HERE!
FOR THE LUVVA PETE! IT'S YOU!
HANG ON, KIDDIES! I'LL GIVE YA A FREE RIDE!
BENJAMIN, YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER!!
HECK, I WAS BEGINNIN' TO ENJOY IT!
OH DEAR! JUST WHEN I FOUND THE CUTEST NEGLIGEE ON SALE!
-WHEW- LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY FIND US AGAIN!
REED RICHARDS-- YOU'RE AN OLD SCAIRDY-CAT!
NAH! HE AIN'T SO OLD!
BOY! NEVER A DULL MOMENT!
BOYS! WAIT! LISTEN--
IT'S A SPECIAL BULLETIN COMIN' IN OVER THAT RADIO!
--AND TIMES SQUARE IS IN A STATE OF PANIC AND TURMOIL EVER SINCE THE ALIEN SPACE SHIP LANDED FIVE MINUTES AGO...
AN ALIEN SPACE SHIP-- IN TIMES SQUARE!!
IF THERE'S PANIC IN THE STREETS, THEN SOMETHING SERIOUS MUST BE WRONG!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO MAKE LIKE HEROES! WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FOR?!!
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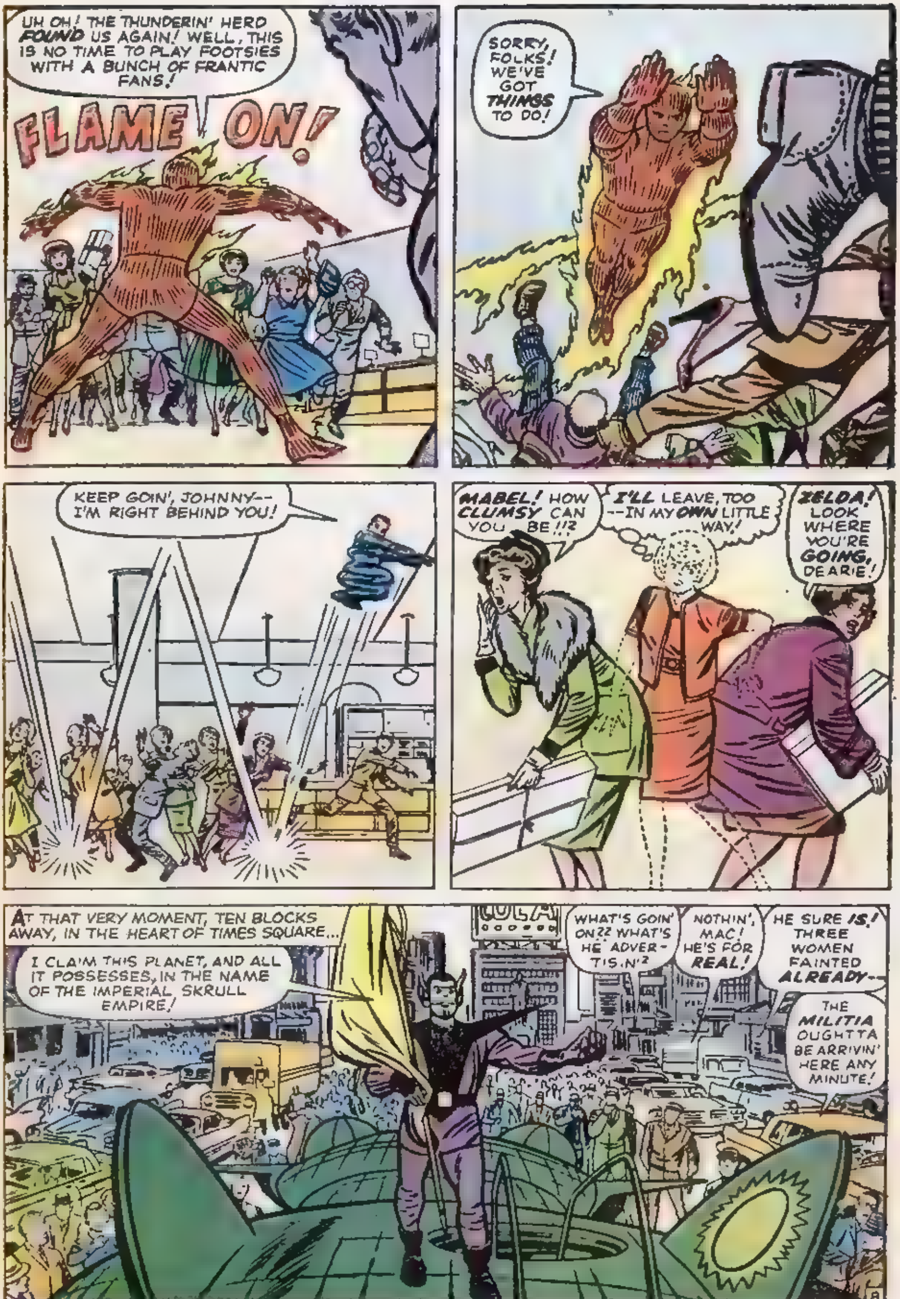
UH OH! THE THUNDERIN' HERD FOUND US AGAIN! WELL, THIS IS NO TIME TO PLAY FOOTSIES WITH A BUNCH OF FRANTIC FANS!
FLAME ON!
SORRY, FOLKS! WE'VE GOT THINGS TO DO!
KEEP GOIN', JOHNNY-- I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
MABEL! HOW CLUMSY CAN YOU BE!!?
I'LL LEAVE, TOO --IN MY OWN LITTLE WAY!
ZELDA! LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING, DEARIE!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT, TEN BLOCKS AWAY, IN THE HEART OF TIMES SQUARE...
I CLAIM THIS PLANET, AND ALL IT POSSESSES, IN THE NAME OF THE IMPERIAL SKRULL EMPIRE!
WHAT'S GOIN' ON?? WHAT'S HE ADVER-TIS-IN'?
NOTHIN', MAC! HE'S FOR REAL!
HE SURE IS! THREE WOMEN FAINTED ALREADY--
THE MILITIA OUGHTTA BE ARRIVIN' HERE ANY MINUTE!
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I'LL PLANT MY BANNER TO MARK THE SPOT WHERE I LANDED, AND...
THE GROUND IS TOO HARD! IT WILL NOT PENETRATE!
BUT THAT IS NO PROBLEM TO THE SUPER-SKRULL!
L-LOOK! HE'S LIKE AN ALIEN HUMAN TORCH!
WITHIN MINUTES, AFTER THE SKRULL BANNER IS PLANTED--SEEING THAT THE AWESOME ALIEN HAS MADE NO HOSTILE MOVE--THE MOOD OF THE CROWD CHANGES FROM FEAR AND PANIC TO STUNNED DISBELIEF...
I NEVER THOUGHT, IF AN ALIEN EVER LANDED, THAT IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS!
HE MUST THINK HE'S COLUMBUS OR SOMETHIN', PLANTING THAT NUTTY BANNER IN THE STREET!
YOU MAY ALL DISPERSE NOW, AND RETURN TO YOUR EVERY-DAY TASKS!
BEFORE LONG, I SHALL ISSUE THE FIRST IMPERIAL ORDERS FROM YOUR NEW PROVISIONAL SKRULL GOVERNMENT!
HE ACTUALLY SEEMS TO MEAN IT! HE THINKS HE HAS TAKEN POSSESSION OF THIS PLANET!
AW, WHY DOESN'T HE TAKE OFF THAT MASK AND GO BACK WHERE HE CAME FROM? WE GOT ENOUGH CRACKPOTS IN TOWN ALREADY!
YEAH! GET LOST, CREEP!
YOU DARE SPEAK THUS TO YOUR NEW MASTER??? BEGONE, BEFORE I FORGET HOW WEAK AND DEFENSELESS YOU ARE!
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AND, IN THE HOME PLANET OF THE FIFTH QUADRANT OF THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY...
ALL GOES WELL, SIRE! OUR SUPER-SKRULL IS IN FULL COMMAND!
BAH! THAT IS CHILD'S PLAY! THE REAL TEST SHALL BE WHEN HE CONFRONTS THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
BEHOLD!! THE MOMENT IS AT HAND! EVEN NOW THE HUMAN TORCH APPROACHES!
QUICKLY, ADJUST THE FOCUS MORE CLEARLY! I HAVE WAITED MONTHS FOR THIS MOMENT! I DO NOT WANT TO MISS A THING!
FLAMIN' FIREBALLS!! IT'S A SKRULL -- LIKE THE ONES WE FOUGHT A YEAR AGO!! BUT THIS ONE IS BIGGER -- MORE DANGEROUS-LOOKIN' SOMEHOW!!
THE HUMAN TORCH -- AT LAST!
ALL RIGHT, PLAYMATE, THE PARTY'S OVER! WE LICKED YOU GUYS ONCE, AND WE'LL DO IT AGAIN!
NOT THIS TIME, EARTHLING! THIS TIME YOU ARE FACING A SUPER SKRULL!!
FLAME ON!
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS! THAT GUY IS LITERALLY FLYIN' RINGS AROUND ME!
ANY-THING YOU CAN DO, TORCH, I CAN DO BETTER!
FOR INSTANCE, I CAN FRY THE VERY AIR AROUND YOU, UNTIL IT TURNS INTO BLACK CARBON!
MY EYES!! I CAN'T SEE!
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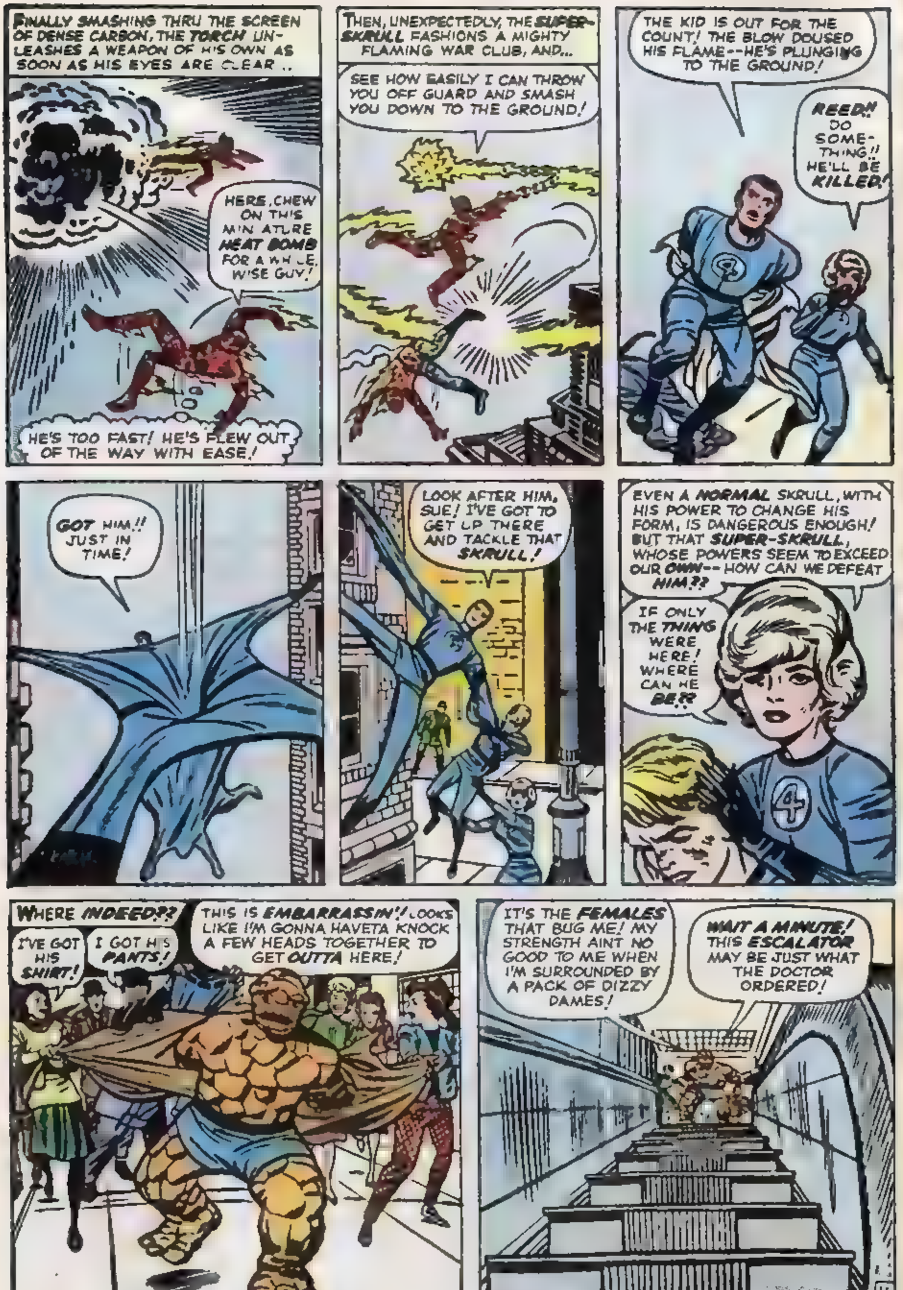

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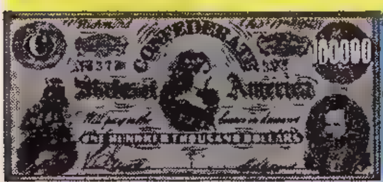

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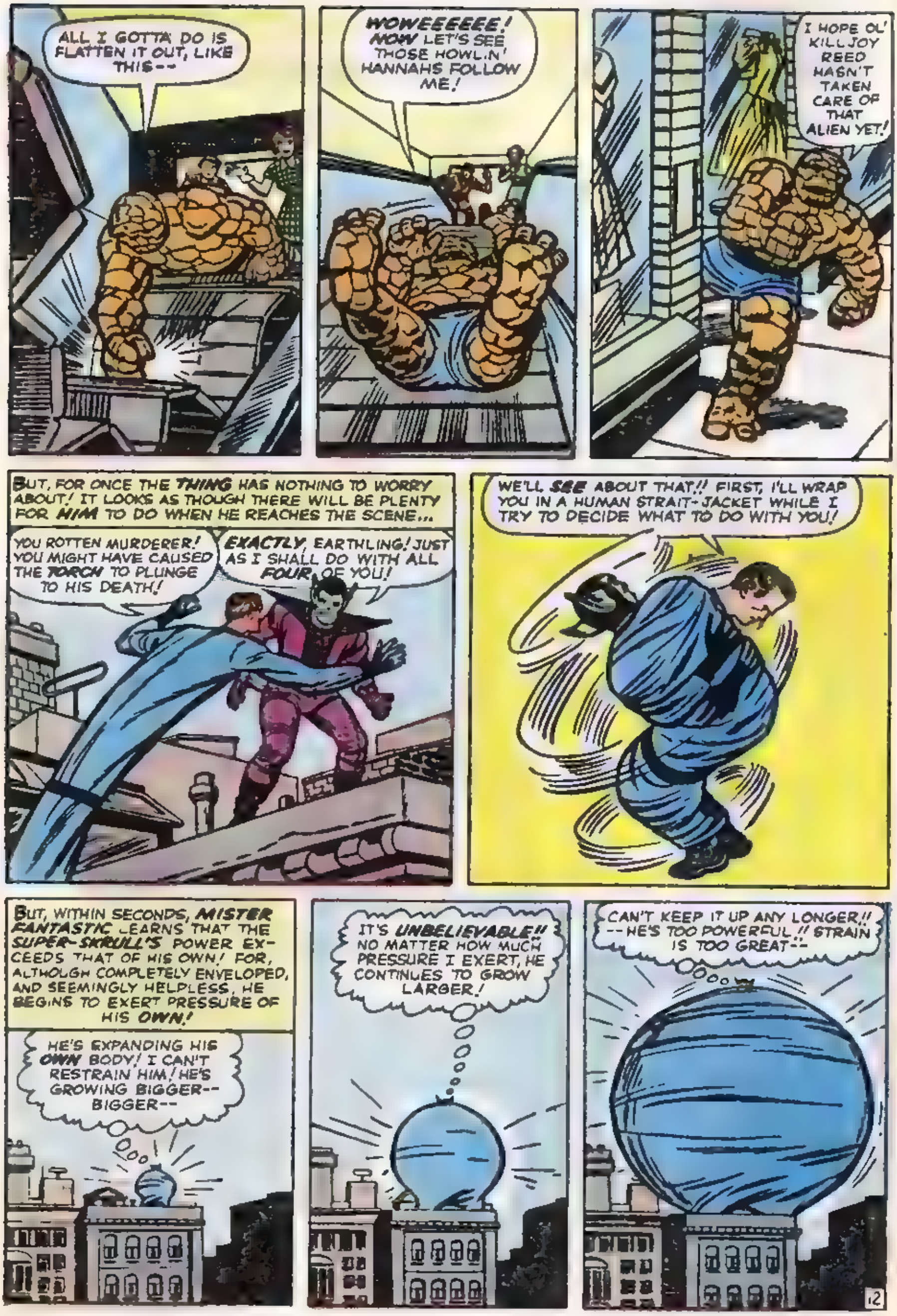
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CAN'T KEEP IT UP ANY LONGER!! --HE'S TOO POWERFUL!! STRAIN IS TOO GREAT--
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FINALLY...
I-- HAD TO LET GO!!
NOW DO YOU REALIZE HOW HELPLESS YOU ARE AGAINST ME? I AM MIGHTIER THAN ALL OF YOU!
FELLA, ON THIS PLANET, THAT'S ONLY CALLED "WINNING THE FIRST ROUND"!!
SUDDENLY, MR. FANTASTIC MOVES WITH THE SPEED OF THOUGHT...
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO AGAINST A POWER BLOW FROM A HUMAN SLEDGE-HAMMER!
YOU'RE FAST! BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH FOR ME!
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...HE MANAGES TO RETRIEVE IT IN TIME TO USE IT AS A SHIELD!
WHOOM!
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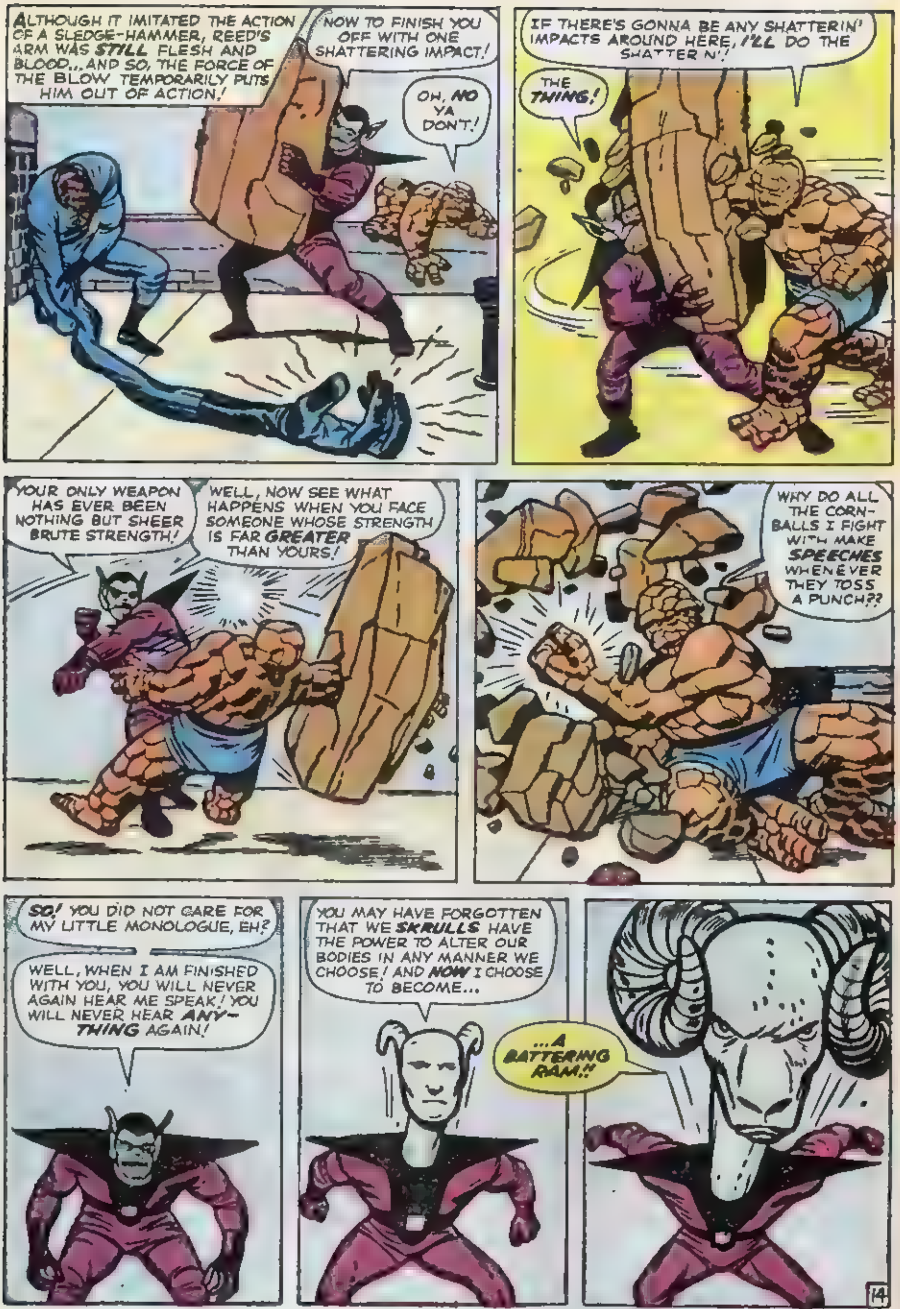

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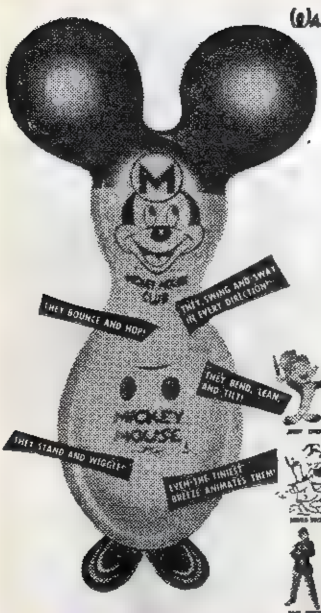

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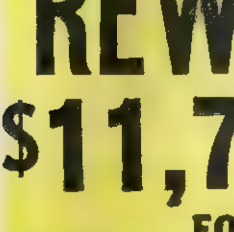

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YOU SHOULD HAVE HEEDED YOUR PARTNER'S WARNING, FOOL!
UGH!!
REED WAS RIGHT! NOW WHAT DO I DO?? FLYIN' IS OKAY--
--BUT I'M GONNA MAKE A HECK OF A SPLASH WHEN I LAND!
COME TO POPPA, BABY!
WHEW! I HOPE NOBODY'S LOOKIN'-- I'M JUST LIABLE TO KISS THIS HUNKA STEEL!
BACK ON THE ROOFTOP, THE SUPER-SKRULL AGAIN TURNS HIS ATTENTION TO REED...
SO! YOU ARE RECOVERED AGAIN! WELL, IT WON'T BE FOR LONG, I PROMISE YOU
A FLAMING SCYTHE!! IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO-- COPYING THE TORCH'S TRICKS??
WELL, I'VE STILL GOT A FEW TRICKS OF MY OWN-- SUCH AS MAKING A PARACHUTE OF MYSELF IF NEED BE!
BAH! YOU ARE MERELY PRO-LONGING THE AGONY!

THEN, WITHOUT ANY WARNING, AS HE SWOOPS DOWN FOR THE KILL, THE SUPER-SKRULL IS MOMENTARILY BLINDED BY A DAZZLING SUN-BURST!
AND THAT'S ONLY A SAMPLE OF WHAT I'VE GOT IN STORE FOR YA! SO DON'T GO 'WAY! THE HUMAN TORCH IS COMIN' AFTER YA!
MAN, TALK ABOUT WHEN A FELLA NEEDS A FRIEND! HOW DID HE RECOVER SO QUICKLY, SUE?
I SPENT EVERY SECOND NURSING HIM! I KNEW HE'D BE NEEDED!
JOHNNY-- WAIT!! HE'S MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU KNOW! WE'VE GOT TO GET A PLAN!! COME BACK, BOY!
UH UH, REED! I'M NOT BACKIN DOWN NOW! HE'S GOTTA BE STOPPED --AND I'M THE ONLY ONE CAN DO IT!
SO! YOU MAKE IT EASY FOR ME! NOW I WILL NOT HAVE TO CHASE YOU! YOU COME TO ME!
YOU CONCEITED CRUMB! ALL YOU SKRULLS ARE GOOD FOR IS COPYIN' PEOPLE! WELL, NOW I'LL SHOW YA HOW MUCH BETTER THE ORIGINALS ARE!
WHA--?? WHERE'D HE GO??
OH, DID I NEGLECT TO TELL YOU? I HAVE THE POWER OF INVISIBILITY-- EVEN AS YOUR SISTER DOES!
AND, WHILE YOU TRY TO FIND ME, I'LL MAKE A PRISONER OF YOU WITH A HI-INTENSITY FIRE CHAIN
BUT, BEFORE THE MENACING LINKS CAN TIGHTEN AROUND JOHNNY'S BODY...
HEY--!!
I SAID GET BACK DOWN HERE-- AND I MEANT IT!
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AWW, WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR? SAY! YOU BURNED YOURSELF ON MY LEG!
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, KID! I HAD TO DO IT! NONE OF US, ALONE, ARE A MATCH FOR THE SKRULL!
THIS IS TERRIBLE! I'VE NEVER FELT SO HELPLESS-- SO USELESS!
DON'T LET THAT BOTHER YOU, HONEY! WITH ALL OUR BLUSTER, WE HAVEN'T ACHIEVED ANY MORE THAN YOU! BUT-- WHERE IS THE THING??
LOOK, REED! UP THERE!
THIS IS MIGHTY OBLIGIN' OF YOU GUYS! I WAS BEGINNIN' TO FEEL LIKE A GOL-DANGED WEATHER VANE UP THERE!
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WHAT HAPPENED, SKINNY? DIDJA GET RID OF OUR LITTLE PLAYMATE YET?
NO, BEN! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO OUR HEAD-QUARTERS AND MAP OUT A PLAN OF ACTION!
HURRY! HE MADE HIMSELF INVISIBLE! HE MIGHT BE ANYWHERE!
I STILL THINK YOU SHOULDA LET ME SLUG IT OUT WITH 'M!
SO! THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO GAIN THE SAFETY OF THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS, EH?? WELL, THEY WILL FIND IT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE!
HA! DID YOU THINK TO EVADE ME THAT EASILY??
MOVE!! ALL OF YOU! HE'S SHOOTING FIRE-ARROWS AT US!
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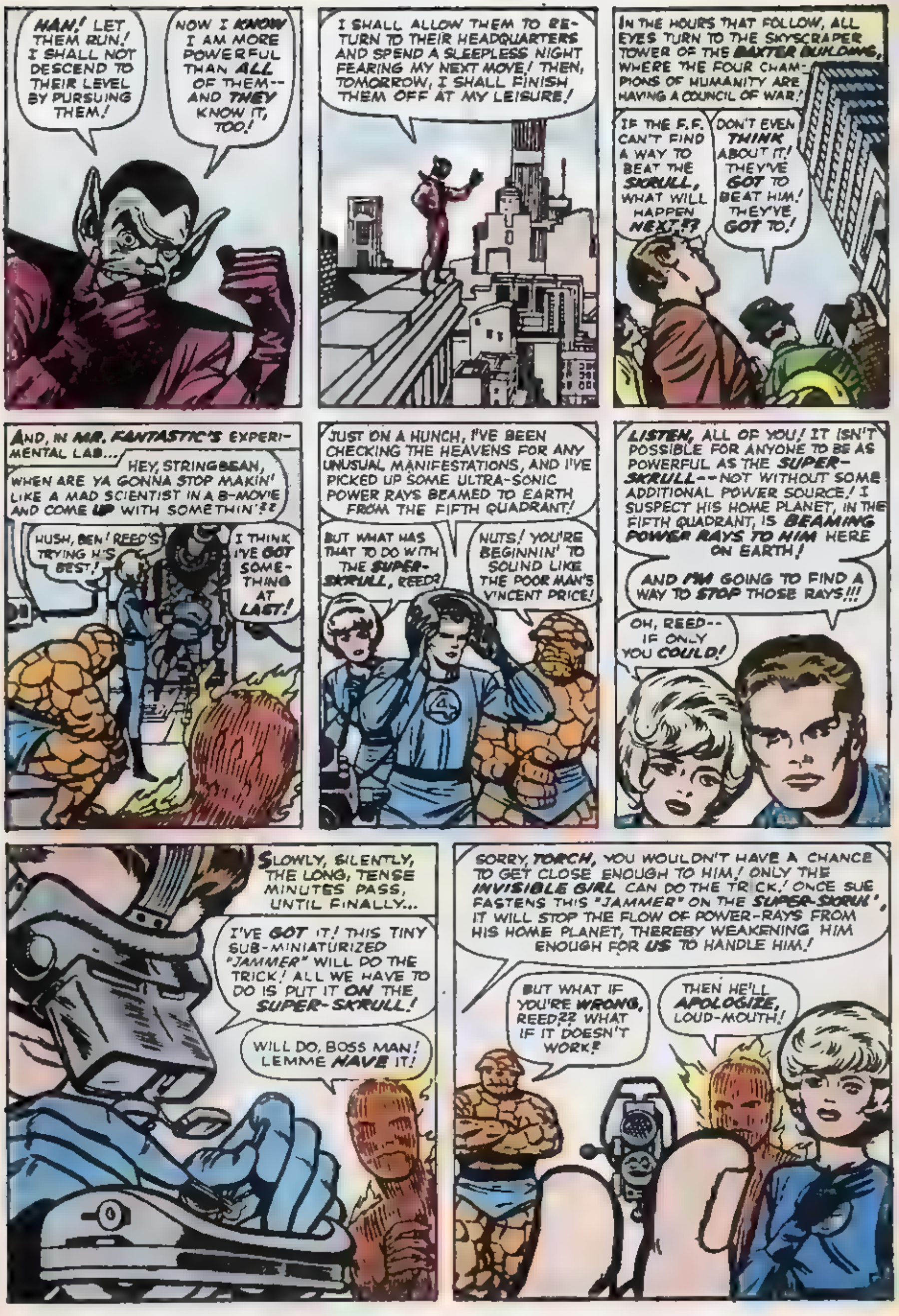
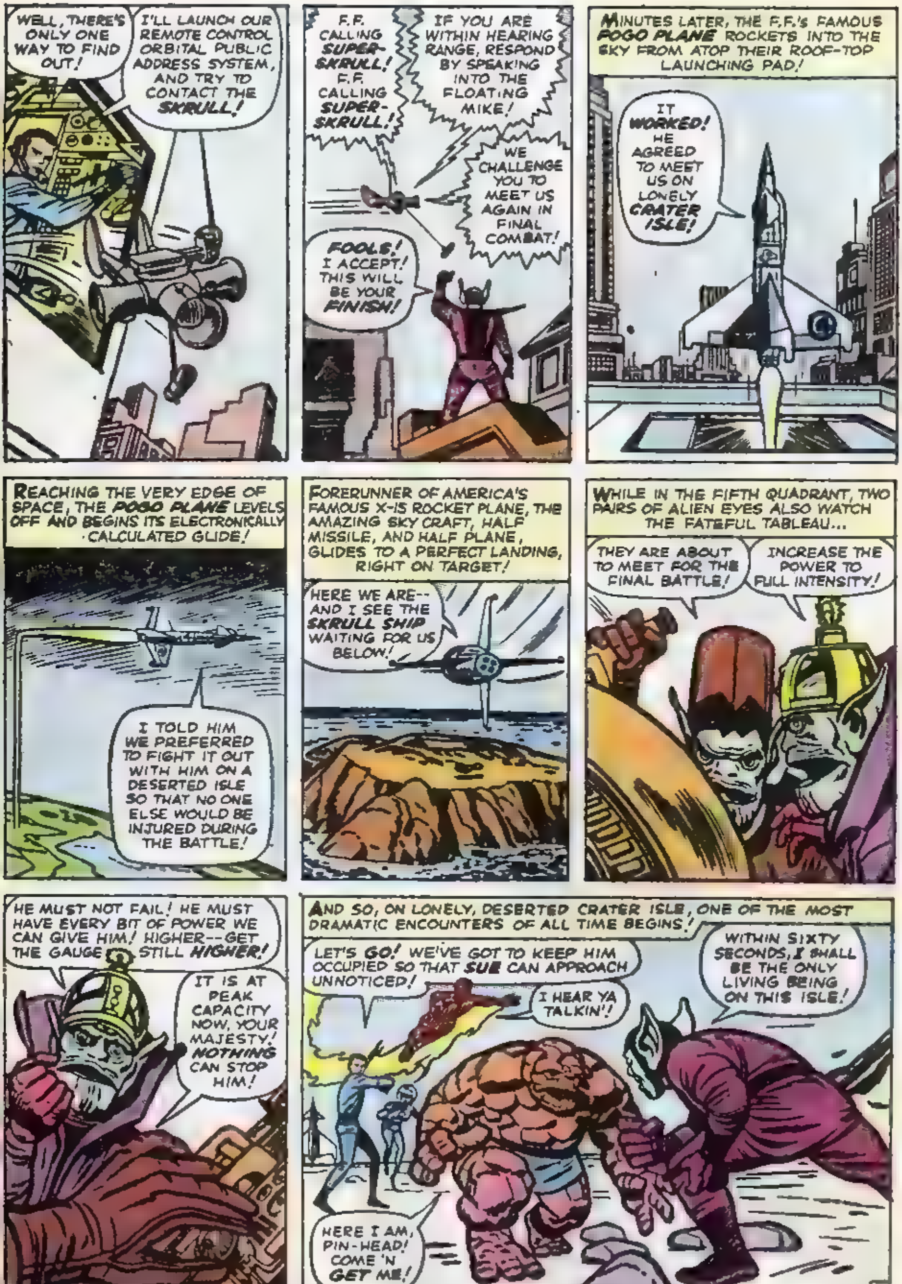

MAN! LET THEM RUN! I SHALL NOT DESCEND TO THEIR LEVEL BY PURSUING THEM!
NOW I KNOW I AM MORE POWERFUL THAN ALL OF THEM-- AND THEY KNOW IT, TOO!
I SHALL ALLOW THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND SPEND A SLEEPLESS NIGHT FEARING MY NEXT MOVE! THEN, TOMORROW, I SHALL FINISH THEM OFF AT MY LEISURE!
IN THE HOURS THAT FOLLOW, ALL EYES TURN TO THE SKYSCRAPER TOWER OF THE BAXTER BUILDING, WHERE THE FOUR CHAMPIONS OF HUMANITY ARE HAVING A COUNCIL OF WAR!
IF THE F.F. CAN'T FIND A WAY TO BEAT THE SKRULL, WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?!?
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT! THEY'VE GOT TO BEAT HIM! THEY'VE GOT TO!
AND, IN MR. FANTASTIC'S EXPERIMENTAL LAB...
HEY, STRINGBEAN, WHEN ARE YA GONNA STOP MAKIN' LIKE A MAD SCIENTIST IN A B-MOVIE AND COME UP WITH SOMETHIN'??
HUSH, BEN! REED'S TRYING HIS BEST!
I THINK I'VE GOT SOMETHING AT LAST!
JUST ON A HUNCH, I'VE BEEN CHECKING THE HEAVENS FOR ANY UNUSUAL MANIFESTATIONS, AND I'VE PICKED UP SOME ULTRA-SONIC POWER RAYS BEAMED TO EARTH FROM THE FIFTH QUADRANT!
BUT WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH THE SUPER-SKRULL, REED?
NUTS! YOU'RE BEGINNIN' TO SOUND LIKE THE POOR MAN'S VINCENT PRICE!
LISTEN, ALL OF YOU! IT ISN'T POSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO BE AS POWERFUL AS THE SUPER-SKRULL--NOT WITHOUT SOME ADDITIONAL POWER SOURCE! I SUSPECT HIS HOME PLANET, IN THE FIFTH QUADRANT, IS BEAMING POWER RAYS TO HIM HERE ON EARTH!
AND I'M GOING TO FIND A WAY TO STOP THOSE RAYS!!!
OH, REED-- IF ONLY YOU COULD!
SLOWLY, SILENTLY, THE LONG, TENSE MINUTES PASS, UNTIL FINALLY...
I'VE GOT IT! THIS TINY SUB-MINIATURIZED "JAMMER" WILL DO THE TRICK! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PUT IT ON THE SUPER-SKRULL!
WILL DO, BOSS MAN! LEMME HAVE IT!
SORRY, TORCH, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO HIM! ONLY THE INVISIBLE GIRL CAN DO THE TRICK! ONCE SUE FASTENS THIS "JAMMER" ON THE SUPER-SKRULL, IT WILL STOP THE FLOW OF POWER-RAYS FROM HIS HOME PLANET, THEREBY WEAKENING HIM ENOUGH FOR US TO HANDLE HIM!
BUT WHAT IF YOU'RE WRONG, REED?? WHAT IF IT DOESN'T WORK?
THEN HE'LL APOLOGIZE, LOUD-MOUTH!



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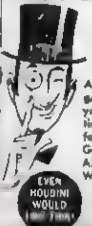

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I MUST STAND HERE AND TAKE IT--FOR THE SAKE OF SUE! IT'S HER ONLY CHANCE!
NOW...!
HEARING A FAINT SOUND BEHIND HIM, THE SUPER-SKRULL WHIRLS AROUND, BUT--TOO LATE!
WHA--??
I DID IT! THANKS TO BEN, JOHNNY, AND REED, I WAS ABLE TO REACH HIM!
WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME?? I FEEL STRANGE! --WEAK!
AS THOUGH MY STRENGTH IS BEING SAPPED!! IT--CAN'T BE--!!
MAJESTY! SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE POWER RAY! IT--IT ISN'T MAKING CONTACT!!
IMPOSSIBLE! KEEP TRYING, YOU DOLT!!
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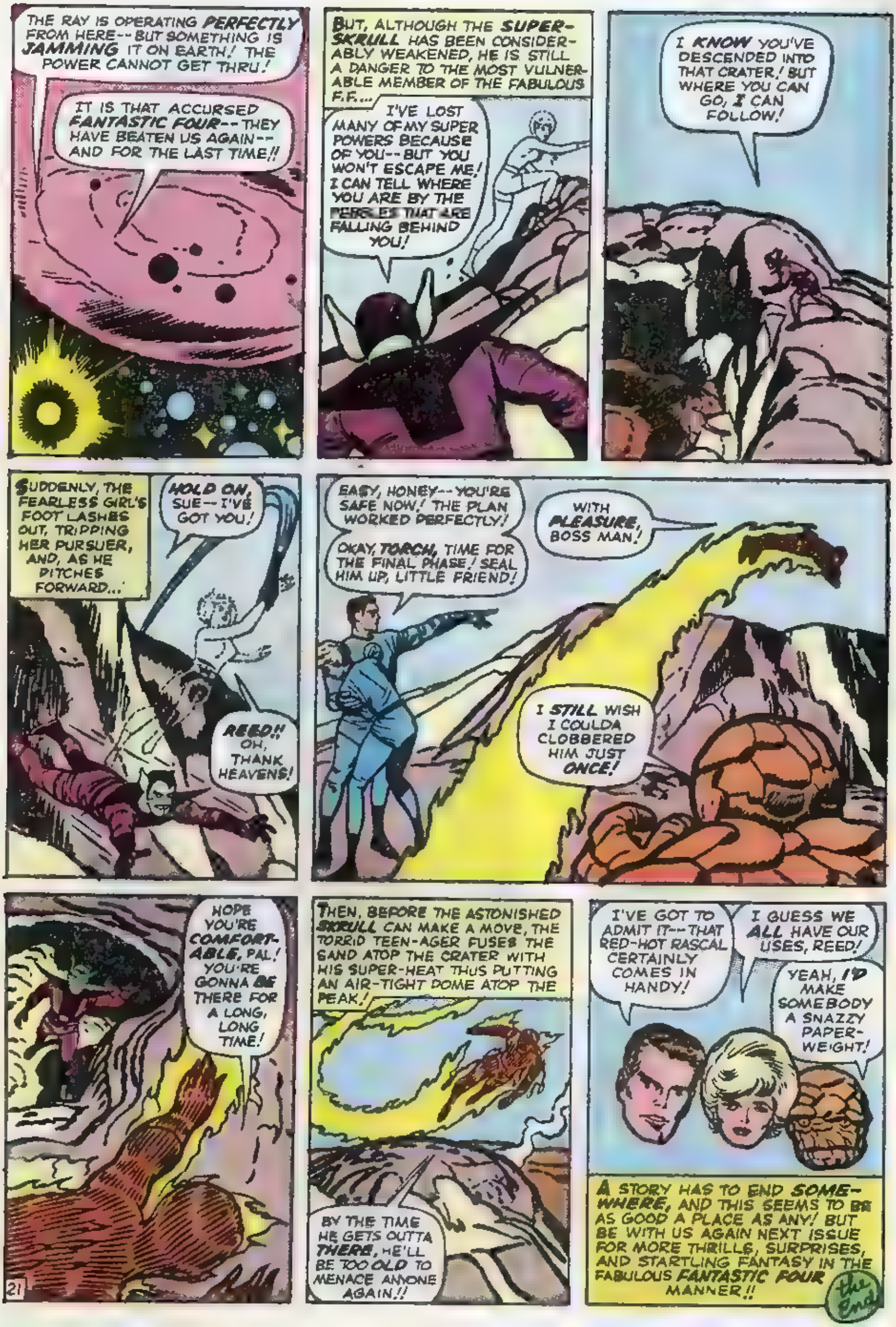
THE RAY IS OPERATING PERFECTLY FROM HERE-- BUT SOMETHING IS JAMMING IT ON EARTH! THE POWER CANNOT GET THRU!
IT IS THAT ACCURSED FANTASTIC FOUR-- THEY HAVE BEATEN US AGAIN-- AND FOR THE LAST TIME!!
BUT, ALTHOUGH THE SUPER-SKRULL HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY WEAKENED, HE IS STILL A DANGER TO THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBER OF THE FABULOUS F.F...
I'VE LOST MANY OF MY SUPER POWERS BECAUSE OF YOU-- BUT YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME! I CAN TELL WHERE YOU ARE BY THE PEBBLES THAT ARE FALLING BEHIND YOU!
I KNOW YOU'VE DESCENDED INTO THAT CRATER! BUT WHERE YOU CAN GO, I CAN FOLLOW!
SUDDENLY, THE FEARLESS GIRL'S FOOT LASHES OUT, TRIPPING HER PURSUER, AND, AS HE PITCHES FORWARD...
HOLD ON, SUE-- I'VE GOT YOU!
REED!! OH, THANK HEAVENS!
EASY, HONEY-- YOU'RE SAFE NOW! THE PLAN WORKED PERFECTLY!
OKAY, TORCH, TIME FOR THE FINAL PHASE! SEAL HIM UP, LITTLE FRIEND!
WITH PLEASURE, BOSS MAN!
I STILL WISH I COULDA CLOBBERED HIM JUST ONCE!
HOPE YOU'RE COMFORTABLE, PAL! YOU'RE GONNA BE THERE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!
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THEN, BEFORE THE ASTONISHED SKRULL CAN MAKE A MOVE, THE TORRID TEEN-AGER FUSES THE SAND ATOP THE CRATER WITH HIS SUPER-HEAT THUS PUTTING AN AIR-TIGHT DOME ATOP THE PEAK!
BY THE TIME HE GETS OUTTA THERE, HE'LL BE TOO OLD TO MENACE ANYONE AGAIN!!
I'VE GOT TO ADMIT IT-- THAT RED-HOT RASCAL CERTAINLY COMES IN HANDY!
I GUESS WE ALL HAVE OUR USES, REED!
YEAH, I'D MAKE SOMEBODY A SNAZZY PAPER-WEIGHT!
A STORY HAS TO END SOMEWHERE, AND THIS SEEMS TO BE AS GOOD A PLACE AS ANY! BUT BE WITH US AGAIN NEXT ISSUE FOR MORE THRILLS, SURPRISES, AND STARTLING FANTASY IN THE FABULOUS FANTASTIC FOUR MANNER!!
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Dear Stan and Jack:

I should like to thank both of you sincerely for publishing your comic magazines. I am a senior in high school now, and I have rediscovered the world of my childhood through your comic magazines. I have been following your mags since about 1960, and your recent improvements are, excuse a miserable pun, "fantastic." With the Fantastic Four you brought the two greatest figures in comic book history to the public! I noticed that someone wrote to you asking that you remove the short stories from several of your books in order that the heros could have more room. I implore you not to lower the high standards which you have set for yourself and wind up with ordinary mags. Your shorts are great! (Don Heck's art is effective, as are Stan's and Steve Ditko's shorties) and many have messages to be conveyed. You accomplish your theme better than many prose writers I have encountered. Looking at your latest issues, I find that your trademark has changed again (you changed it once from Atlas to IND), this time to the *Marvel comics group*. It's perfect this way. I hope you realize that all your readers are not under twelve years of age. I know that many of my friends who haven't looked at a comic magazine for six or seven years are now anxiously awaiting every issue of the Marvel group (even the Westerns), and we are hoping that you won't let us down by throwing yourselves into a maelstrom of commerciality; that you will remember the tradition set down by the magazines of old, and continue your remarkable accomplishments.

Harold Silverman
1550 Northwood Drive
Cincinnati 37, Ohio

Many thanks, Hal. Sometimes we wonder whether all the extra effort that goes into our mags is worth while; but then we receive letters such as yours and we know the answer.

Dear Stan and Jack:

We have one of the oldest F4 Fan Clubs in the nation! We are a 53 member club, but are still looking for new members. If anyone would like to join, he may contact us at the address below. There will be no money involved at any stage of the process.

FF Fan Club, Baltimore Chapter
c/o Robert Allen Ellis
3308 Elmley Avenue
Baltimore 13, Maryland

We have received so many letters like Bob's that we realize the F4 Fan Club biz is getting bigger than we ever imagined! Unfortunately, we haven't space in the mag to list them all, but in the near future we'll try to send the chapters an F.F. newsletter, so keep sending us your notices with your lists of members.

Dear Stan and Jack:

Anxiously my fingers tore at the subscription folder which held the latest copy of the FF. Careful, so I wouldn't ruin what would of course be another great issue, I drew it out, and Voila! I embarked on another great adventure with the world's most unique comic book group! In this issue, you brought us lucky fans a new villain who is ripe for a comeback. Let's have more of that great mastermind of crime, The Thinker. I have to get all this praise I've got stored up for the FF off my mind! Any story that is sensational for another comic is an average story for Stan. And the art! I ask you, what are you supposed to say about a comic that is simply TERRIFIC? Great? Stupendous? Colossal? I give up. There is one thing I must complain about — the fact that none of your great westerns have gained any recognition in your letter column. Why not? I think they are the best westerns on sale, especially the Two-Gun Kid. Maybe you should give "Two-Gun" his own letter column and let this be the melting pot for your four western mags, like the FF is for your fantasy mags. And finally, I'd like to say that it was a good idea to give your company a name because it was pretty confusing without one. The symbol with the characters in the corner was a stroke of genius! May I ask who devised this great idea?

Paul B. Weinstein
2714 Gilbery Avenue
Portsmouth, Ohio

Steve Ditko dreamed up the idea, and we're sure glad he did.

Dear Stan and Jack:

Why don't you get some new villains? Your FF has been fighting villains of the past over and over again. For instance, the FF has fought Doctor Doom (whose face you so cleverly conceal, because if you tried to draw it you'd be afraid it wouldn't be ugly enough) four times. And worse yet, he has never been killed, even though he has been defeated every time. The Sub-Mariner has appeared four times also (not counting *Strange Tales*) and has not yet been beaten! As for the Puppet Master, how he could survive a fall of at LEAST three stories (back in the November 8th issue) I'll never know! Now to Sue Storm. How could a beautiful girl like her have a crush on the Sub-Mariner, a man (and I use the term loosely) with sixteen inch eyebrows, a trianguler-shaped head, gremlin-like ears, and a hairline like Satan's?

Dick Tedor
405 E. Sheridan Road
Lake Bluff, Illinois

But you still haven't told us, Dick—what's wrong with his looks?

Dear Stan and Jack:

Come on now! You have a good thing going and what do you do? You introduce an Ivan What's-his-name? What I mean is that issue #13 was very much under par!! Now that the Reds know that they can get cosmic powers, guess what's gonna happen? The Earth's gonna be run over by Super Russians! You're always bragging that you're the world's best comic magazine. WELL, DON'T RUB IT IN! Your competitors are doing their best! (Bet I had you scared there for a minute). There is only one thing that bothers me . . . there are too many people swearing in your mags! *Ironman* swears he'll do this, and *Thor* swears he'll do that, and the villains swear all over the place!

Robert Caldwell
1726 Westchester Avenue
Peekskill, New York

Okay, Bob, we'll cut down on the swearing — we swear it!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I just finished reading your March issue of the Fantastic Four, and really thought it was great!!! I have been in the Army for 14 years now, and I never read a better comic book in my life! Keep up the good work!!

Sgt. R. Anderson
RA 19682472
733rd Med Det.
APO 46, U.S. Forces
New York, New York

We'll try, Sarge! Wait'll you see what we have coming up in future issues!

CONTINUED . . .

Dear Stan and Jack:

The letter page of FF is no good. In other words, fans sometimes send letters in about mistakes in artwork, faults, etc. Must I go through an issue with a magnifying glass and find Johnny Storm's uniform green in one panel and blue in another in order to get my letter printed? Must you print some letters of people who don't like your magazine at all? Can't you print letters of people who ENJOY your magazine?

Steve Stough
225 West Lima Street
Findlay, Ohio

Sure we can, Steve. But while we're human enough to enjoy flattering mail, most fans would rather read controversial letters on these pages — letters they can argue about. We try to print all types, and always feel terribly bad about the hundreds of swell letters that we simply don't have room for.

Dear Stan and Jack:

I just bought your new comic, *Sargeant Fury and his Howling Commandos*. I don't really go for war stories, but I said if Marvel Comics is putting it out, it's worth a try — so I bought it and I love it! It's the best war story printed! Your Commandos are realistic, not like other war heroes in comics. All I can say is "Keep up the good work!"

Anthony Corda
61-44 148th Place
Flushing, New York

We're delighted with all the SGT. FURY mail we've received from FF fans! We weren't sure whether fantasy fans would enjoy war stories, but apparently the fact that they're written and drawn in the now-famous FF style has made the difference! Don't miss SGT. FURY's #3 ish — REED RICHARDS makes a brief appearance!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I have always thought Thor was your best single character and just recently, since the quality of the *Fantastic Four* stories has slipped, he's your best comic. And the thing about Thor is, he's not *just* good, he's great. The first time I met Thor, I was immediately taken by him. Though I missed his origin, I did see him beginning with *Journey Into Mystery* #84. There's just that something about him... From the very start when you depicted Dr. Blake making the change to Thor you had one extremely loyal fan. I was captured by his every movement; the way he swung his mighty hammer thrilled me to say the least. I especially enjoyed the way he swung, threw, and flew along with it. You could almost say I flew along with him. Then, with the introduction of Loki, you had me for life. As long as you feature, from time to time, a story with Loki doing battle against Thor, I'll always be reading this comic

Tom Jones
622 Plater
Aberdeen, Maryland

Thanks, Tom. But what's this about the quality of the FF stories slipping? Judging by other letters we receive, we watch the mail each day for our Pulitzer prize!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I have read all of the FANTASTIC FOUR magazines and I really like the adventures that they have. I also read all the other stories like Spider-Man and Ant Man. But there is just one thing wrong: NOT ENOUGH GIRLS. What I mean is that most of the characters are men. The adventures are great, but how about some good-looking girls in the stories? Why don't you have a girl that can help the FF instead of just being on the side like Alicia in #12? I don't want to tell you how to make a magazine, but I for one would rather look at girls than boys any day. These are all the comments that I will make right now, except that I always will be a fan of the FF.

Alan Wheeler
3070 Champion Street
Oakland 2, California

We've got NEWS for you, Al — the fourth member of the FF with the long blonde hair and pretty legs — she's no boy!

Dear Stan and Jack:

Ten, fifteen, twenty years from now, our sons and daughters will be collecting FANTASTIC FOUR just as we today seek out the old, original Sub-Mariner, Capt. America, etc. This is not a prediction... a year ago it may have been, but today, it's an undisputable fact substantiated by the overwhelming demand for back issues. Every single day, more and more new readers — future fans and collectors, are 'discovering' the fabulous, inimitable F4. Very soon I fear that the demand will exceed the supply of early (predominantly #'s 1 to 5) issues. For this reason, I hope that your F4 annual will contain reprints of 'the best from the past,' including the origin. Doubtless you are aware that you have virtually made comic history; never has there been... and I venture to guess, never again will there *be* illustrated heroes like the F4, and your companion characters. I, for one, am boundlessly grateful that you haven't even approached the stage of "milking them dry," but have truly FANTASTICALLY not only maintained your sublime standards, but increasingly never fail to continue improving characterizations with each fine issue. I cannot conceive *how* you do this ... it's a feat in itself to simply sustain interest at the high level you've achieved! What is greater than Greatness?? F4 #14 was tops, but #15 even tops it! To my way of thinking, you are your own enigma ... your approach and technique for production defies analysis, so I shall content myself with enjoying the fruits of your labors.

Ronn Foss
Alter Ego-Comicollector
Wagon Wheels Apts., No. 5
Suisun, California

That's all for now! We're gonna rush out and buy a couple of new hats — two sizes bigger!

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- **Fred Bronson, of 11620 Port Road, Culver City, Cal., writes that his FF Fan Club will publish a small FF Club mag for club members. Members can receive the newsletter by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Fred.**

- **But let's not forget about the LEADER in its field! Namely the FF! Our next ish will have the fabulous foursome taking a strange trip back thru time, to battle one of the most incredible foes of all! It's an action-packed thriller, with a few different twists, so watch for it! See you then!**

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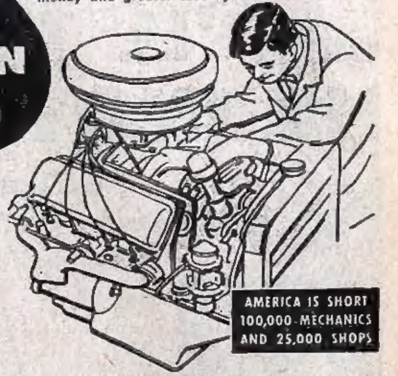

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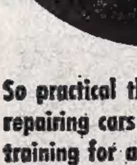

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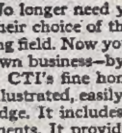

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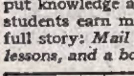

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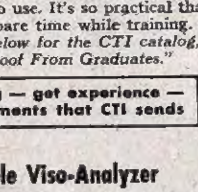

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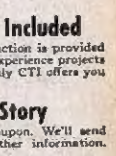

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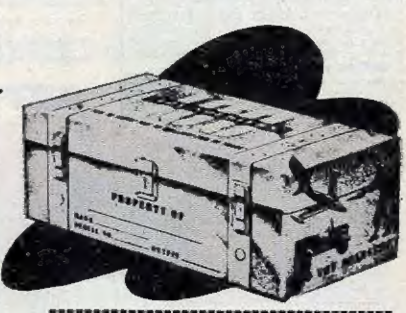

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